

STATE CAPITOL
P.O. BOX 942849
SACRAMENTO, CA 94249-0054
(916) 319-2054
FAX (916) 319-2154

DISTRICT OFFICE
110 PINE AVENUE, SUITE 804
LONG BEACH, CA 90802
(562) 495-2915
FAX (562) 495-2983

WEB SITE
www.asm.ca.gov/lowenthal

Assembly
California Legislature



BONNIE LOWENTHAL
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, FIFTY-FOURTH DISTRICT

COMMITTEES
CHAIR, TRANSPORTATION
ACCOUNTABILITY AND
ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW
ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY & TOXIC
MATERIALS
HEALTH
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

CHAIR, SELECT COMMITTEE ON PORTS

October 12, 2011

State Librarian Stacey Aldrich
California Cultural and Historic Endowment
900 N Street, Suite 370
Sacramento, CA 95815

Re: CCHE Board Meeting Agenda Item 8
Round Four Project Previously Approved for Funding
Project: Eagle's Nest Lodge Restoration
Applicant: Catalina Island Conservancy
Action: Approval of relocation requested

Dear CCHE Chair Aldrich, Members of the Board and Staff:

I write in support of the subject project, the restoration of the historic Eagle's Nest Lodge on Catalina Island. I hope you will join me in that support.

As this project has been approved previously for funding by the Endowment, the action under consideration at the Board meeting on October 17th would approve relocation of Eagle's Nest Lodge 1.7 miles from its original site to higher ground along the same road. As the Conservancy has identified, the current location of the lodge is within a Significant Ecological Area and is vulnerable to floods. It is my understanding that this relocation would preserve the original intent of the project, while mitigating potential storm damage. The Conservancy has assessed the project in the context of its Master Plan and has determined that its relocation to the east entrance to Middle Ranch will make Eagle's Nest Lodge the centerpiece of a larger plan to interpret the historical and cultural landscape of Catalina Island.

I look forward to the completion of this project. The outcome of this public/private partnership between CCHE and the Catalina Island Conservancy will be an iconic center where the public will have the opportunity to experience a unique element of California history.

Sincerely,

BONNIE LOWENTHAL
Assemblymember, 54th District

cc: Mr. James Swinden
Ms. Ann Muscat, President & CEO, Catalina Island Conservancy

